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June 12, 2008

The Honorable Ramona Garrett
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Ave
Fairfield, CA 94533

Subject: 2007-2008 Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Garrett:

This correspondence is generated in response to the findings and recommendations contained in the 2007-2008 Solano County Grand Jury Report for California State Prison – Solano (SOL). This response is in compliance with the specification pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05.

First, we would like to make a few minor clarifications to the Background/Summary information contained in the report:

1. As a rule, Level II and Level III inmates are kept separate; however, Level II and Level III inmates do mix in a two areas, under close supervision, Medical and Prison Industry Authority (PIA).
2. California State Prison – Solano has an annual operating budget of approximately \$171 million.
3. Inmate cost per year is approximately \$35,587 as of January 2008.

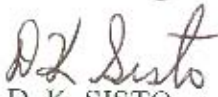
Recommendation #1: California Department of Corrections should continue to develop and expand the Prison Industry Authority program.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) in conjunction with the Prison Industry Authority (PIA) agree with the Grand Jury Findings. The PIA programs offered give the inmates real world skills that enable them to acquire and maintain gainful employment upon release. The recidivism rate is nominal for inmates completing the PIA programs when compared to the overall recidivism rate of CDCR. CDCR, SOL, and PIA would like to add and expand the programs offered at SOL, however, are constrained by not only budgetary, but space issues.

Recommendation #2: California State Prison – Solano should continue to develop and expand the outreach programs to all communities in Solano County.

The CDCR agrees with the Grand Jury Findings. Currently, our primary program, Prison Outreach Program (POP), which is structured towards at risk youth, provides services to Law Enforcement Agencies (Municipal and County), schools and organizations, and faith-based groups from throughout Solano County and Northern California. The POP is booked weeks in advance, and has provided services to at risk youth from Redding to San Jose. At this point in time, the POP 's success has been primarily through word of mouth advertising, however, POP is currently looking at different methods of advertising to further inform the public of this highly effective and worthwhile program.

Sincerely,

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D. K. SISTO
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